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PALESTINE AND THE JEWS

M. H. WERSHOF

About 1900 years B.C., according to the Biblical story, Abram the "Ivri"—translated "Hebrew"—obeyed the command of his God and crossed the river Euphrates on his way to the land of Canaan. From that man the Jews claim descent, and from his entry into Canaan—with the promises which, says the Bible, God made to him—dates the connection of the Jews with the land of Palestine. . . . The origin of the name "Ivri" is hidden in antiquity, but the more favoured explanation of Rabbinical scholars is that it was derived from the name of Eber—one of the greatest of Abram's ancestors. Eber was a great-grandson of Shem, the father of the Semitic races.

Abraham, as his name became, had two sons—Ishmael and Isaac. The Arabs, of whom more later, believe Ishmael to be the father of their race. Isaac, as you probably know, was the father of Esau and Jacob—later named Israel. Jacob had twelve sons, ten of whom gave their names to tribes of Israel. Of the other two, Levi's descendants became the religious workers of the race while Joseph was honoured by having his two sons rank with the ten sons of Jacob first mentioned—hence the Twelve Tribes. . . . Then the Bible tells us of Jacob's journey to Egypt, of the 210 years which his descendants spent there, of the Exodus of the Israelites after years of oppression, of the law or Torah which their leader Moses gave them in the wilderness, and of their return to Canaan in the 15th century B.C.

Historians, of course, have a different story to tell. But, leaving out the supernatural element, the fundamental facts of Hebrew History as set out in the Bible do not differ greatly from those accepted by the scientific historian. The outline, at least, is confirmed.

The conquest and occupation of Canaan by the Israelites was a long and painful struggle. According to the Biblical story, 440 years elapsed from the entry into

Canaan until the building of Solomon's Temple—the date of which building, by the way, is the first important date on which everyone agrees. Most historians put the invasion of Canaan in the 12th Century B.C.—which would make the struggle for the land a much shorter affair than it is in the Bible. . . . Be that as it may, the Israelites gradually fought their way over most of Palestine. Many of the Canaanites were killed, thousands were forced to territories on the outskirts, while others remained in the land in a variable state of subjugation. A large territory on the sea-coast—Philistia—probably was *never* really conquered. . . . Saul, the first Hebrew King, did much to consolidate Israel's power in the land, and David who succeeded him appears to have become a genuine monarch. During the succeeding reign of Solomon, a most important development in Hebrew history took place with the building of the Holy Temple shortly after 1000 B.C.

The power of the kingdom was short-lived. After the death of Solomon there was a revolt and the larger part of the population set up a new monarchy, while the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, whose territory included Jerusalem and the Temple, remained loyal to the successors of David. The new kingdom is known by the name of the entire race—that is, as the Kingdom of Israel, while the loyal minority went down in history as the Kingdom of Judah. . . . The fortunes of both kingdoms varied. There was continual pressure and attack from without, and in the Kingdom of Israel assassinations of Kings bore witness to the great internal strife. The religion changed almost with the Kings. In both Judah and Israel there was continual conflict between Mosaic law and idolatry.

With the growth of the power of Assyria, Israel was doomed. Raids and petty warfare became continual. The ancient enmity between Egypt and Assyria revived and Israel was caught between

the two. In 722 B.C. the Israelite capital fell and thousands of inhabitants were deported, heathen colonists being sent to take their place. For practical purposes the history of the Kingdom of Judah becomes the history of the Hebrew race. The name Jew, by the way, is a translation of Yehudi, meaning a "man of Yehudah"—that is, Judah.

The power of Assyria waned, but Babylon rose in her stead in the seventh century. Like the Kingdom of Israel, Judah had to choose between support of the invader from the east and Egypt to the west. Like Israel, Judah chose Egypt. Judah was invaded and, after a long and bitter siege, Jerusalem fell in 586 B.C. On the ninth day of the month of Ab, by the Jewish calendar, the temple was burned. Thousands of the leading citizens were carried off to Babylon while, after a brief rebellion, thousands of others fled to Egypt. Those who remained were mostly of the peasant class.

Scarcely 40 years after the destruction of Jerusalem, Babylon fell before the power of Cyrus the Great, who was hailed by the Hebrew prophets as a divinely appointed saviour of the Jews. Cyrus, who appears to have been a rather broad-minded despot, issued a proclamation allowing the exiles to return to Judah. Many seized the opportunity, and the first visible result was the building of the second temple on the site of the first. During the years of peace which followed, large numbers of Jews returned. The people once more became homogeneous, and—thanks to the labours of the great men who were both political and religious heads of the country, the religious purity of the community was maintained. In 444 B.C. the prophet Ezra completed the compilation of the five books of Moses, which compilation soon became the strongest pillar of Judaism.

During the following centuries, control of Judah passed from Persia to Macedon, then to the Egypt of the Ptolemies, back to Syria and finally to Rome. But under *this* Syrian domination, Judaeans independence re-asserted it-

self and, after Syria became a Roman Province, the sub-province of Judaea became a thorn in the side of the Empire. In the spring of 70 A.D. Titus and his army laid siege to Jerusalem. The battle was long and bitter. Gradually the Jews were forced back until only the Temple remained as a fortress, and in August of the year 70 the Temple was burned. By a coincidence, its destruction took place on the same day of the same month, by the Jewish calendar, as that of the Temple of Solomon.

From this time dates the modern exile of the Jews, thousands being carried off into slavery or fleeing to neighboring countries. Still many remained in Palestine, and sixty-five years later a great revolt broke out, in the reign of Hadrian, which lasted for three years and in which several hundred thousand Jews laid down their lives.

The disastrous end of the revolution was the death-blow to hopes of a Jewish national independence. The leaders of those who remained in Palestine devoted themselves to legal and religious study.

Many writers have concerned themselves with the phenomenon of the continued existence of the Jewish people through centuries of wandering and persecution. It is not my intention to spend much time on this aspect of the subject, beyond pointing out that perhaps the most reasonable explanation lays particular stress on religion and persecution. The intense religious life of the Jews came first, its exclusive and peculiar nature being one of the chief causes of persecution. Persecution, while it drove many to baptism, drove the majority further and further within the walls of religion. Couple with this the fact that, in the words in which God rebuked them in the wilderness, the Jews are a "stiff-necked people," and you may have the answer to the puzzle.

During all these centuries the exiled Jews did not for a moment forget the land of their fathers. Secure in the belief that, as the prophets had foretold, a Messiah would some time arise and lead

them back to the Holy Land, they bided their time until God's will should be done. Meanwhile, small numbers of the race returned—rabbinical scholars who wished to study in a land of inspiration, and pious old people who wished to die and be buried in the sacred soil in which lay Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. . . . But the last century saw a change. A few Jewish writers began to discuss the possibility of the revival of the national home in Palestine. With the financial assistance of Baron Edmond de Rothschild large agricultural colonies of Jews were settled in Palestine towards the close of the century. But it would appear that Baron Rothschild was thinking more of alleviating the distress of Russian Jews than of a real return to the Land of Israel. It remained for a Viennese journalist, Theodore Herzl, to bring to a head the vague ideas advanced by a few other men of his time. Herzl was a visionary and an idealist, but he was also an executive of the first rank. Herzl's ideas were first set down in a pamphlet called "The Jewish State," which won many supporters. But he also encountered opposition—from very orthodox Jews who insisted on waiting for the Messiah and a miraculous return to Palestine, from Jews who thought that Judaism should not strive to be more than a religion, and from sceptics who considered the whole plan insane. But Herzl was not discouraged. In 1897 he called the first Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland, and there was formulated the Basle Program, namely: "The object of Zionism is to establish for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine." To accomplish this Herzl had a plan which must have staggered the imaginations of his brethren. It was—to buy Palestine from the Sultan under a charter guaranteed by the civilized nations of the world. He proceeded to visit all the capitals of Europe, winning support from Kings and Ministers, and spreading his idea among the Jews. Herzl was doomed to disappointment—the wealthy Jews of his day were indifferent and, while the Sultan seemed favourable for a while, his idea of

the price was beyond hope of realization. But the Zionist movement went on. The leaders of the movement thought that some time the face of the world's political map might change, and that the Jews should be ready. The Great War brought the opportunity.

The British Government included a few members who had considerable sympathy for Zionist aims. In addition to this sympathy, there were practical considerations. At the end of 1916 it came to the knowledge of the Government that Germany contemplated making certain offers to the Zionist Jews in order to win their moral support. A similar rumour concerning Turkey was abroad. The entry of America into the war was in the balance, and Zionist Jews possessed considerable influence in that country. For a multitude of reasons the British Government began to study the Zionist plan. Early in 1917 a Zionist Committee in England was formed for the purpose of negotiating with the authorities. In July a draft text of what was to be the Balfour Declaration was submitted by Lord Rothschild to Mr. Balfour. Finally the negotiations were successful, partly because of the intervention of President Wilson, who had been approached by one of the most influential of American Jews, Mr. Justice Brandeis, of the Supreme Court.

In July, 1922, the Palestine Mandate was enacted by the League of Nations Council. The first chapter in the restoration of the homeland was closed.

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Much of the land which the Zionists have bought was unfit for cultivation at the time of purchase—particularly because of the swamps. However, the swamps have been drained, malaria and other diseases eradicated, and in general much of the countryside has been transformed. The Jewish city of Tel Aviv—containing about 30,000 people—is the particular pride and joy of the movement. It is the centre of an extensive Jewish settlement, and the city itself, I can say without exaggeration, is a model in more than its appearance. Throughout the colonies, classical Hebrew—which during

the exile had been only the language of religion—is the language of conversation—the language taught in the schools.

One of the most interesting features of the whole movement is the work of the Chalutzim or pioneers—men and women from the world over, from all classes of society, who have come to Palestine for the sake of an ideal to do manual labor in the reclamation of the land. Of course, the permanent success of the return to Palestine cannot be based of such an abnormal use of man-power, but the enthusiasm of the Chalutzim is typical of the way in which the problem has been tackled.

Unfortunately for Zionist hopes, a very concrete obstacle has been encountered in the form of 600,000 Arabs.

In 1921 and 1922 there were Arab riots in Jaffa and Jerusalem. From then till 1929 there was comparative peace. In August, 1929, there took place rioting and petty warfare in several parts of the land. I have found it impossible to form a definite opinion as to the real cause of the 1929 riots. On the surface it began as a religious quarrel—caused by the fact that the Wailing Wall, sacred to Jews as the remains of the Temple, is within the courtyard of the Mosque of Omar. This Mosque was built by Omar, the second Mohammedan caliph, on the spot whence Mohammed is said to have commenced his ascent to heaven. The possibilities for strife are obvious. The Arabs refuse to sell the bit of land on which the Wailing Wall itself stands—the Jews refuse to refrain from coming to the Wall for prayer.

The suggestion that the settlement of Jews on the land, resulting in the displacement of Arab tenants, was an indirect cause of the riots, induced the British Government, in 1930, to send out Sir John Hope Simpson—a qualified investigator—to report on land settlement, immigration and development. Simpson's chief conclusions were that the amount of cultivable land is six and one-half million

dunams, that the population now in Palestine needs all the cultivable land there is, and that therefore the Zionists should not be permitted to buy any more land—until the needs of the present population are permanently assured. He believed further that Jewish immigration contributed to Arab unemployment and that, therefore, it should be temporarily stopped. Acting on this report, the Secretary for Colonies issued in October a statement of policy regarding Palestine—which policy appeared to most readers to carry out the ideas of the Simpson report. Then the storm broke. The Simpson report was attacked from many sources—particularly on account of the extreme conservative nature of its figures. For example, Simpson excluded from his figures a territory of 4,000,000 dunams which, he admits, could be *made* cultivable by irrigation. The Zionist contention is that by irrigation, drainage of swamps, and employment of efficient agricultural methods, Palestine can be made to support four million people. But the chief assault was not on the report, but on the Government's statement of policy. Arab newspapers hailed it as a deathblow to the Zionist movement—and Zionists feared that the Arabs were right. After much protest and a vigorous debate in the House of Commons, the Government explained matters. Prime Minister MacDonald sent a letter to the Zionist president in which he purported to interpret the White Paper. The Zionists heaved a sigh of relief. Arabs promptly accused Britain of treachery. To most people, MacDonald's interpretation of the White Paper is far-fetched, but it ended the dispute. According to MacDonald, the Zionists may still buy land—but first provision must be made for those Arab tenants who have been actually dispossessed by Jewish land purchases. I must confess that I cannot understand just what the Government's policy is now—but the Zionist President, Dr. Weizmann, is convinced of its reasonableness.

And there the matter rests.

THE PERISCOPE

The universe may, as our physico-mathematicians tells us, be revolving in a circle, life may be an endless cycle of change, from dust unto dust, but for human beings to run around in a circle making the same mistakes with each vain repetition, seems to show a lack of directive intelligence.

And yet, according to orthodox opinion in the realm of economics, depressions occur periodically and business conducts itself automatically in cycles. It is true some doubt exists in the minds of the orthodox as to whether the depressions occur every seventh or every tenth year, but this is a minor point, the indisputable fact is that the economic world is caught in a circle, the locus of which unfortunately cuts what are known as "periods of depression."

It is as though we were all joy-riders on a giant ferris wheel. It takes either seven or ten years to go all the way round, and everyone is tremendously thrilled and happy as he rises majestically to the top and enjoys for a few years the sweet air of prosperity. Unhappily the descent on the other side is rapid, so rapid indeed that many, particularly those in the stock markets, suffer from vertigo, and before we know it we are plunged into a murky pool, the Pool of Depression.

The matter is of some interest to us just now because it looks as if the Dark Pool had become deeper since we were last around and, right now, we have been immersed so long and the prospect of our emerging on the upward trend so remote, that we are getting a little scared. That is, we would be if it wasn't considered Unbusinesslike, Unpatriotic and generally Unpleasant of us to get scared about depressions.

No, say the orthodox, it's no good getting scared. We always have emerged and we always will, every seven years! (or is it ten?). Besides, business depressions have their advantages. To begin with, they eliminate the financially unsound.

Those unfortunates who are in poor health, financially, get swamped, are washed out of their place on the economic wheel to the obvious advantage of their more robust companions, who were better prepared for the plunge. As the wheel turns on the upward trend those who survive have more elbow-room and less competition in grabbing at the Golden Opportunities that cluster like stars in the upper regions of the economic atmosphere.

Then, again, there is the obvious advantage to the wise speculators. These are the seasoned travellers on the Big Wheel, who by long experience have learned to keep their heads on the downward plunge and can jump off very neatly at the right moment. They avoid all the unpleasant consequences of the immersion, but they are ready when the rest of the business world emerges to jump aboard again, and pick the pockets of their fellow travellers, who are usually too much relieved at being once more on the upward trend to notice the fact.

Now, there are a few weak-minded individuals who hold unorthodox opinions. These are foolish enough to waste their sympathies on the poor devils who are left floundering in the pool below, and their energies in anticipating the certain and inevitable repetition of their immersion at the end of the given number of years.

Useless, this, of course! And yet two questions arise which are of fundamental interest not only to the business people on the Wheel, but to the rest of humanity who get badly splashed every time it hits the bottom of the cycle.

First, "Is this rotary motion of the business world absolutely necessary, or could there be a levelling up of its course to a happier mean?"

Secondly, "Is this pool of depression actually getting deeper, as it appears to be, or is the machinery of the economic world gradually slowing up so that it takes longer to pull through the slough

of despond and may ultimately come to a standstill with poor humanity finally and permanently sunk?"

These are, it is admitted, unorthodox questions, and yet they have this much justification. There are in Eurasia some 150 million people who have for good or bad turned their backs on the principle of the economic ferris wheel, at least as we know it. It may be, as orthodoxy claims, that they have sacrificed the rise and fall of the capitalist system for a dead level of uniformity that will result in stagnation much more swiftly and of a more unpleasant nature than any periodic depression could produce. At the same time, it is only fair to remind ourselves, no matter how reprehensible we may regard the Soviet system, that Russia has had no unemployment for some years, nor has she been affected in the least degree by the present world-wide depression.

Assuming that we emerge from this depression and rise to greater heights of economic prosperity, we shall have seven (or is it ten?) years to investigate the problem before the next immersion. It is just possible that if the nature of this metaphoric pool is examined it may prove merely to be an accumulation of waste oil caused by the economic machinery having been grossly neglected and, in fact, left to run itself. A machine is never entirely automatic, and the economic world is a man-made machine, not a natural phenomenon. We may find that the machine is so shaky that it ought to be abandoned, or again it may be possible to fix it up and keep it in good repair. The great disadvantage of a system in which, at the peak, the Golden Opportunities are so golden is that no one will bother to attend to the machinery whilst the rest of humanity is grabbing off the best for itself.

Something must be done, however, or some day some of the lookers-on, in envy or disgust, may throw a monkey-wrench into the works, and then the old wheel will tumble about our ears into a pool of a more lurid color than that produced merely by waste oil.

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CAMPUS CHATTER

There's little enough chatter around the Campus these days. Even the Farm Young People, who walked two by two from lecture to demonstration, have gone for another year. The tomb-like, mausoleumic quiet has descended on us. Our footsteps echo hollowly; our voices sound too loud; the hand-truck that brings in the mail twice a day rumbles like thunder through the Arts Building; but the rest is silent and deserted as a Gothic ruin. Now and then a professor, left behind in the general flight, drifts past, and the Alumni who labour for Alma mater work listlessly and talk about holidays; or bustle, in an attempt to regain that atmosphere of gay activity which characterizes the term. However, summer school is on the way, and as usual we expect to see many a familiar face hurrying up and down the old corridors.

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Like the rest of the city, however, we have not been without our little upheavals during the past three weeks. We have prepared for the torrential rains which are daily expected. We have uprooted a few of the dandelions which have decorated the lawns in a gallant attempt to flaunt the Varsity colours before the public. In fact, we have been putting in new sewers, and erecting, or sinking, new manholes. Driving around the "Arts", like driving almost anywhere in the city, has become an adventure—because of the heaps of clay.

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Not to be out-done, the University tennis courts have begun to expand. The skeleton of a fine new fence has arisen, a good number of feet beyond the old. Slender, silvery supports and cross-bars surmounted by gleaming arrow-heads look like a preparation for the heads to be brought home in triumph from the city tournament. The larger courts will probably save many a ball from untimely extinction.

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It was while we were admiring the new courts that we noticed that the grid was

no longer deserted. What they call in rugby circles "new material", of the most hopeful and buoyant character was working out there under older and watchful eyes. The Varsity lambs seem to be as lively a lot as any that have trotted out for the old green and gold. Looking at them with a sentimental and ignorant eye, we would prophesy many a ribbon among them, not to ignore many a tender chop.

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They came over the other day from the new University Farm to keep the grid in order until fall. Their new home, by the way, out above White Mud, beyond the first ravine on Saskatchewan Drive, is quite an imposing settlement now. The big barns, refurbished and painted, are familiar enough, when you look a second time, but there is a row of new cottages, an elevator and a most imposing sign which remarks that while the property beyond the fence is private, visitors are welcome.

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Such is the spirit of movement and change around Alberta that even the professors refuse to stagnate in the traditional professorial manner. Our faculty is scattered this summer from California, where Dr. Alexander holds out Virgil and Seneca at Berkeley, to Europe, where Dr. Sonet and Dr. Gordon are commencing their sabbatical year. A fair turn-about being the rule, we shall have Dr. Broadus at Summer School this year after a year in England and Italy; and Dr. Hardy will lecture at home instead of at Queen's.

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We're back with thoughts of Summer School again, and indeed it's hard to forget. There is a general atmosphere of preparation. The books in the Library are beginning their march up from the stacks to the reference shelves. The corridors and class-rooms are being waxed and polished, but truly, if you are considering a few weeks among the haunts of your young sins, you will find little

serious change. Fear not, the buildings still stand as of old. There's not even a new Library building to confuse you.

—C.D.C.

JUAN IN AMERICA

Extracts from the new book by Eric Linklater

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When was it, Juan wondered, that he had thought of adopting the orphan Truth—or was it little orphan Honesty? One of that brood. He realized now that it would never have done, and he was glad that he had taken no serious steps about it. Little orphan Truth was left out in the snow because that was the proper place for her, the smug, self-righteous, hymn-sniffing brat that she was. She ruined the happiness of every house she entered. Much better company, and kindlier too, was the huge family of Aananias and Sapphira: Lies, Fibs, Crammers, Pervarications, Whoppers, the tumbling twins called Terminological Inexactitudes, fat Uncle Falsehood and Grandpa Guile, and old Aunt Perjury, and handsome black-moustached Cousin Mendacity, together with the by-blows Suppressio Veri and Dissimulation, and the jolly old crone Nurse Bunkum, and all the rest of them. A fine happy healthy family, and a credit to their godfather the Devil.

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Though comparatively few people had seen him, Mr. Adelaide was one of the best-known men in the United States. He was a journalist. Every day he wrote a newspaper column of topical criticism—ten little paragraphs that might be advice to doctors, sermonettes, or impressions of an aeroplane journey—and as this column was syndicated it appeared simultaneously in a hundred different papers all over the country. Mr. Adelaide was an ardent patriot. He believed that America was not only the largest and richest state in

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EDITORIAL

Talking about depressions is, no doubt, a depressing habit and, in the eyes of the business world, at least, may amount almost to a crime. However, like the weather, depressions, these rainy days for which mankind invariably fails to make any provision, constitute a convenient topic of conversation.

The Trail has come in for its share of depression during the past year. It has become increasingly difficult to find the necessary finances and but for the generosity of class '31 (see the Secretary's report) it would have been impossible to make any allotment this year to the Henry Marshall Tory Scholarship Fund, that most worthy of Alumni undertakings.

In an endeavor to stimulate the financial position of *The Trail* a committee of ten alumni was asked to bring in a report of ways and means to this end.

A report of this committee's findings is outlined in the President's report, printed in this issue. In its main suggestion, that more advertising could and should be obtained, we heartily concur. There have been in the past enthusiastic and hard-working advertising managers on our staff who have been very successful in "getting the goods." At present there seems to be a dearth of these unselfish alumni, and even the offer of a commission has failed to bring the results.

During a depression advertising is, of course, the first line of retrenchment, and the radio has robbed the magazine to no little extent.

It is also to be noted that in a minority report this committee revived the time-honored suggestion of letting *The Trail* perish altogether, the conclusion being that if alumni do not support their magazine more liberally with fees it is because they fail to see its usefulness.

Perhaps, however, Prosperity is just around the corner, after all, and provided our talk of depressions has not scared it

too badly, it will in due course make its appearance.

More encouraging is the fact that this year three new branches have been established, the most recent being in distant Montreal.

We welcome the newcomers to their corner of *The Trail*, and trust that the enthusiastic organizers will receive the loyal support of their fellow Alumni.

ANNUAL MEETING AND THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The annual meeting of the University of Alberta Alumni Association was held in Room 135 of the Arts Building at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, May 11th, 1931.

There were present Mr. L. Y. Cairns in the chair and about twenty-five other members.

After approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, election results were announced as follows:

President: George D. Misener, '12, '22.

First Vice-President: Dorothy Diller, '22, '23.

Second Vice-President: Mrs. Thomas Mather (nee Dorothy Smith), '25.

Third Vice-President: Mrs. G. R. Gibson (nee Helen Beny), '24.

Secretary: G. B. Taylor, '23, '25.

Treasurer: Elmo C. Kellam, '27.

The President, Mr. Cairns, then read his report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. This statement, along with that made by the treasurer, was accepted on a motion by Mrs. I. F. Morrison and Mr. A. B. Harvey.

Mr. K. R. Jamieson, treasurer, presented an interim financial report showing a diminution in revenue, which would prevent any allotment being made to the Scholarship Fund.

The following resolutions were passed by the meeting:

Moved by Mr. Harvey and Miss Simpson: "That the Council be asked to consider an amendment to the constitution

providing for a change in the date of the annual meeting."

Moved by Mr. Love and Dr. Gowan: "That this meeting of the Alumni Association favors an amendment to the constitution which would provide for a nominating committee to supplement the present method of nominating officers for the Council."

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPENDIX

The year just ended has been marked by steady progress in Alumni affairs. Under capable leadership the older branches of the Association have been functioning vigorously, but what is equally gratifying is the fact that three new branches have been formed and appear to be away to an excellent start. These new branches are located in the cities of Vancouver, Lethbridge and Montreal.

Your executive has endeavored, during the past year, to continue and maintain the various activities established by previous councils. Notable amongst these is, of course, the publication of *The Trail*. The Association is deeply indebted to Mr. R. V. Clark and his associates for their unselfish work and for the great pleasure this little magazine has brought to the various members.

The effect of the "depression" upon *The Trail* was shown by a diminution in the advertising revenues due to withdrawals and unwillingness to renew contracts. In February the Council appointed a committee of some thirteen Edmonton Alumni to investigate ways and means of improving the finances of *The Trail*. This committee, ably convened by Mr. Roger Harding, presented their findings at the end of March. These consisted of a minority report advocating the amalgamation of *The Trail* and *The Gateway* (enumerating the advantages of the scheme to both publications), and a majority report consisting of a number of suggestions for increasing the revenue and decreasing the cost of the magazine. The opinion of the present Council is not favorable to the first suggestions, viz., that of amalgamation. The committee's

suggestions for improvement of the finances of *The Trail* are gratefully accepted and publicly acknowledged; and the report will be passed on to the new Council of the Association for further study and action.

A completely new venture has been attempted during the past year in the holding of monthly Alumni broadcasts over the University Radio Station, CKUA. It was felt that by this means we might reach, personally, members of our Association who, by reason of their location, found it impossible to attend the meetings of any of the branches. There is, however, little indication of interest in the scheme, and it is unlikely that it will be continued.

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of the annual Alumni banquet and reception to the graduating class. This function is to take place on the evening of May 14th, the eve of graduation day, and it is expected that the event will be a most enjoyable one and that it will tend to interest the members of Class '31 in the work of the Association.

In conclusion, I wish to say a word of appreciation with respect to the loyal work done by the various members of the executive during the past year. Council meetings have been well attended, and the interest in the affairs of the Association has been keen. In this connection my report would be incomplete without a very special reference to our secretary. No member of the Association who has not sat on the Council with Mr. Taylor can commence to realize either the extent of his devotion to our interests or the capacity which he brings to his work. The Association is extremely fortunate in having him as its secretary.

The election held this spring has resulted in the appointment of an extremely strong executive to carry on the work for the coming year. These officers will be installed at the annual banquet, and under their guidance I feel that we may look forward to the future with every confidence.

L. Y. CAIRNS,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the year ended May 31, 1931

INCOME:

Membership Dues:

Calgary Branch	\$ 28.00
Edmonton Branch	115.00
Lethbridge Branch	25.50
Vancouver Branch	23.00
Winnipeg Branch	2.00
Members at large	266.69
Total Membership Dues	\$460.19

Annual Banquet:

Receipts	\$276.00	
Deduct Expenses	271.83	
Profit on Annual Banquet		4.17
Total Income		\$464.36

EXPENSE:

Publication of "The Trail":

Printing and cuts	\$419.75
Wrapping and mailing	177.67
Stationery	15.00
Commission	27.99
Bad Debts	9.50

	\$649.91
Deduct Income from Advertisers, etc.	276.86

Publication costs (Net)	\$373.05
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Secretarial and Office:

Stationery and Printing	\$13.11
Postage	21.00
Cuts in Year Book	23.20
Secretary's Honorarium (1929-30)	50.00
Sundry	8.50
Total Expense.....	488.86

Excess of Expense over Income.....	\$ 24.50
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Surplus Account

Surplus as at May 31, 1930	\$215.19
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Deduct:

Excess of Expense over Income for year ended May 31, 1931..	\$24.50
Contribution to H. M. Tory Scholarship Fund (1929-30).....	30.00
	54.50

Surplus as at May 31, 1931	\$160.69
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BALANCE SHEET
As at May 31, 1931

ASSETS	
Cash on hand	\$ 40.00
Balance on deposit at University of Alberta	78.70
Accounts Receivable—Trail	41.99
Total Current Assets	\$160.69
H. M. Tory Scholarship Endowment Fund: Investments:	
Bonds, at par	\$700.00
Premium and accrued interest	17.63
Balance on deposit at National Trust Co., Ltd.	163.15
	880.78
	\$1,041.47
LIABILITIES	
Trust Account: H. M. Tory Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$880.78
Surplus as at May 31, 1931	160.69
	\$1,041.47

Edmonton, June 13, 1931.

Presented on behalf of the Executive.

K. R. JAMIESON, Treasurer.

Edmonton, June 13, 1931.

I have audited the books and vouchers of The Alumni Association of the University of Alberta for the year ended May 31, 1931, and have received all the information and explanations I have required. Bonds of a par value of \$700.00 have not been inspected, but I am in receipt of written confirmation from the Bursar of the University that the bonds are held in his custody. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books.

F. G. WINSPEAR,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

EDMONTON

The Edmonton Branch reports a very successful season. Paid-up members total 112, and all the meetings were well attended. Three dinner meetings were held, at which the principal speakers were Mr. A. U. G. Bury, M.P., Dr. R. C. Wallace and Premier Brownlee. Community singing and short musical programmes formed features of the meetings.

The Alumni Ball, held in the MacDonald Hotel on November 25, 1930, proved a decided success. About 275 guests were present, including several out-of-town members and their friends. It is hoped that this event may become an annual affair.

For news of Winnipeg Branch see Correspondence, page 21.

CALGARY

The secretary, Robert R. Mitchell, reports the following activities for the year:

1. The first function of the year was the entertainment of the members of the Varsity Rugby squad on the occasion of their first game with the Calgary Tigers. A dinner followed by a short business meeting, at which the officers for the year were elected, and an informal dance resulted in a very enjoyable evening. Members of the Varsity Rugby team were introduced individually by their coach to the meeting.

2. Dr. Wallace, President of the University, kindly consented to address a meeting of the Alumni, held in the Elizabethan Dining Room of the Hudson's Bay Company in Calgary. He chose as his subject, "What the Alumni are Doing in

Adult Education." About forty members of the Calgary Branch were present and thoroughly appreciated Dr. Wallace's interesting and useful address, and enjoyed renewing acquaintance with Dr. Wallace, and in some instances members present had the opportunity of meeting Dr. Wallace for the first time since his appointment as President of the University.

The Calgary Branch sincerely hopes to have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Wallace again.

3. The next function of importance was the Varsity Dance, now held annually at the Palliser Hotel during Christmas vacation. To the committee in charge, through their untiring efforts and co-operation, is due the credit for the success of this delightful function. Over four hundred attended the dance, and it is entirely due to the financial success of this affair that the local Branch still remains solvent.

4. The next function was a dinner and informal dance on January 28th, but the attendance on this occasion was decidedly disappointing, particularly in view of the fact that through the co-operation of Mr. Taylor, we had arranged to take over the broadcasting over CKUA for the evening, and the orchestra assisting had offered to supply the music for the evening for the dance which followed the dinner. However, Gerry Shapter and Art Willis and their associates managed to put on a very creditable performance on the air.

On Sunday, March 1st, a party was arranged for the members of the Branch at "Zeke" Morrison's ranch, west of Cochrane, and about fifteen or twenty couples took advantage of the hospitality offered at the ranch. This also was, however, a disappointing function to the executive from the standpoint of attendance, but it is hoped that greater numbers will turn out at our next meeting.

We are carrying on a membership drive at present, and hope to be able to report successful results, despite the hard times with which we are faced at present.

VANCOUVER.

In October last, after a few informal talks, about thirty graduates foregathered at the University Club for a banquet, at which many old acquaintances were renewed and a very enjoyable evening spent. After singing the old songs, electing officers, collecting fees and promising to meet again, we adjourned.

The next official gathering, on December 4, was an informal dinner meeting held at the Georgia Hotel with musical programme and round-table discussion.

Early in February Dr. H. M. Tory, past-president and founder of the University, beloved friend of all who attended the University during his twenty years' administration, came to Vancouver, and it was our privilege to entertain him at a luncheon meeting at the Georgia Hotel, at which some thirty members were present, and were treated to a delightful resumé and series of reminiscences of campus days. Dr. Tory explained his present work, and in particular some of the plans for the Pacific Science Congress, which will be held in Vancouver in 1932. It was voted by all a most successful meeting, and we are still congratulating ourselves on our very good fortune, and looking forward to the return visit of Dr. Tory, when he has promised to meet with us again.

On March 16, 17 and 18 we had with us the Varsity Men's Basketball team, and it was our pleasure to entertain them and to support them at their game with the U.B.C. We were delighted and thrilled by the exhibition of basketball and sportsmanship displayed by this team, and are looking forward to further such visits.

The Vancouver Branch Alumni Ball was inaugurated on April 22 in the Windsor Room of the Hotel Georgia, and some eighty members and their friends spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Most alluring is the prospect of a lawn party, which is scheduled for July, at Dr. and Mrs. MacEachern's summer home on Marine Drive. We look forward with pleasure to this event.

A. S. BARKER, '28.

LETHBRIDGE

On Friday, April 24, the Lethbridge branch held a very successful dinner and dance at the Marquis Hotel. Forty-three members and associate members were present from the city and from Raymond, Taber, Cardston and Macleod. The University grace was said in Latin by Mr. Wesley Smith. A short business meeting followed the opening remarks of the President, Mr. Hamilton. Mr. F. A. Rudd proposed the toast to the University. A program followed, including vocal solos by Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. P. D. Clarke, and the presentation of the skit "Ph.D.", published in the June, 1930, *Trail* with improvisations, by Messrs. D. M. Elton, Frank Galbraith and R. M. Glover. Dr. J. O. E. (Pete) Sanderson was the speaker of the evening, and gave a very interesting analysis of the growth of the University of Alberta, its needs and problems, with some timely suggestions as to the help which alumni might furnish. Dancing followed.

It is hoped that a meeting will be held every two months.

MONTREAL

Please move over a bit and let another youngster join the growing circle of local branches of Alumni Association.

The idea of a reunion for the old Albertans now in Montreal materialized very successfully on March 20th. About forty-five graduates, former students, and former members of the staff were present at the informal dinner at the Queen's Hotel. So far as known, this was about a 90% attendance, which is very encouraging.

Dr. Len Huskins was the chairman and Glenn Craig the temporary secretary for the function. Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Tory were our guests of honour for the evening. A letter from Dr. R. W. Boyle expressed his regrets at not being present at the first Montreal meeting of the Alumni.

Jack McAllister proposed the toast to our Alma Mater and renewed memories of

almost a decade ago. As a response the Varsity Yell and "My girl, she is a Queen" were given enthusiastically.

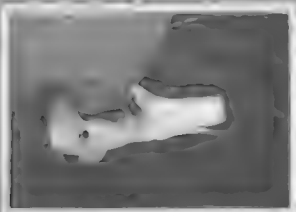
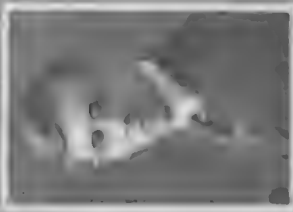
Russell Kutz proposed the toast to "The Faculty, Past and Present." Mr. A. E. Corbett, of the Department of Extension, who fortunately happened to be in the city, replied. He gave a concise picture of present conditions in Alberta. In conclusion he told several yarns about members of the Faculty who were known and appreciated by those present.

The *pièce de résistance* was Dr. Tory's talk. In a very interesting speech, Dr. Tory freshened our memories of the "high spots" in the development of our Alma Mater and of its ideals. It was the common opinion among older graduates that rarely had Dr. Tory been more inspiring or stimulating.

The meeting unanimously decided in favour of the formation of a Montreal Branch of the Alumni Association. In order to facilitate the work of this executive, graduates and old students of the University of Alberta in Montreal are requested to get in touch with Dr. Huskins, Department of Botany, McGill University.

For the information of the alumni, a list of those present at the dinner is given below:

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Tory, Mr. E. A. Corbett, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Collip, Dr. and Mrs. L. Huskins, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lattimer, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Gerrie, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Carruthers, G. H. and Mrs. Harris, F. P. and Mrs. Whitman, John W. and Mrs. Sutherland, Russel L. and Mrs. Kutz, Jack and Mrs. McAllister, Dr. E. C. Menzies, Dr. H. Rawlinson, Dr. E. H. Cayford, Miss Dorothy Sproule, Miss Gwen Toby, Miss Eva R. Younge, Miss Marjorie Bradford, Miss Helen McRae, E. K. Wright, W. S. Archibald, Clarence Laverty, Ronald Richardson, Ed. Webster, R. W. Boyd, Henry Scott, R. U. Harwood, C. B. Fisher, F. S. Fisher, Glenn H. Craig, F. S. Hobbs, Duncan I. McNeill, W. I. McFarland.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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son, '24.

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Honorary President.....Dr. H. M. Tory
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Vice-President.....Dr. C. L. Huskins, '23, '25, Dept. of Botany, McGill University.
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mr. D. E. J. McNeill, '25, c/o C.P.R. Law Department.
Members of the Executive: Miss Gwen Toby, '26; Miss Dorothy Sproule, '30; Mr. Fred Whitman, '23; Mr. E. H. Cayford (Med.); Mr. Russell L. Lutz, '26, '28.

ALUMNI NOTES

I find it difficult to be original in my introduction to these notes. You will sympathize with me when you realize that this is my *fifteenth* contribution to *The Trail*. Such hoary antiquity should entitle the holder to some immunity, however, so I'm going to chat about things a bit before delving into contemporary history.

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The period between March and June is an exciting one for those of us who frequent these halls. Examinations sweep down like a tidal wave, engulfing many in their relentless flood. As it recedes one relaxes a bit, but is immediately caught up in another struggle with results, which only culminates in the perspiring tensiety of Convocation Day. The peace that follows is almost nerve-shattering until it is realized that the summer session is but a month away!

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A formal report of the annual meeting appears elsewhere in this issue. It was really thrilling to watch the faithful few gatherings on the steps of the Arts building and to speculate on the possibilities of securing a quorum. Do you wonder that we decided to have the meeting in June henceforth, Those pre-Convocation days are more than hectic now—and since the Council holds office till June 30, why not defer the affair? Another achievement of that brief meeting was to sanction the formation of a nominating committee to supplement the present scheme. Some of you (I think particularly of *Jean Whitelaw* and *Pat Bowman*) who foresaw the need for this change years ago, will now beam approval and, I hope, will make some suggestions as to the personnel of the committee.

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It is not until the coffee comes round that one begins really to enjoy the annual dinner. By then it is dusk (funny how foolish a boiled shirt looks in daylight!) and the candles become more than decorative. His Majesty duly honored (and

represented for the first time by our new Lieutenant-Governor), we settled back for a smoke with a feeling of contentment. President Wallace's gracious reply to Alan Carscallen's nicely worded toast to the University, Dave Sigler's spirited response to George Misener's welcome to the graduating class, and Glen Jewitt's delightful solos all blended into one pleasing harmony. What seemed to this alumnus the high-light of the occasion, however, was Don Cameron's part. In a very few words the president of class '30 presented a cheque for \$135.00 (the class surplus) to the Tory Scholarship Fund. To the Council this seemed like a very godsend, because the Association's small credit balance does not warrant an allotment to the Fund.

The dance was preceded by a little skit in which Viola Rae, R. V. Clark, Slippery Barclay and Wardlaw Porteous convinced us that not only cats have nine lives. An amusing aftermatch was the statement in a local paper that "the program concluded with a geometrical rhapsody by G. B. Taylor"!

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For the first time since the completion of the Arts Building Convocation Hall was silent and deserted on degree day. Not so was the auditorium of McDougall Church, however. From my point of vantage behind the pulpit I realized that the capacity of that building was tested to the limit, even with the staff packed into the choir-lift. It was indeed appropriate that in a building named after one of Alberta's pioneers another pioneer, the Hon. Frank Oliver, should receive the LL.D.—earned as his sponsor, Bishop Gray, remarked, "with honors in the school of hard knocks."

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Dr. Rutherford presided over Convocation with his accustomed grace and dignity. It is indeed a pleasure to announce that he has been re-elected as Chancellor, and I feel honored in congratulating him on behalf of the many graduates who

know him and have partaken of his hospitality.

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Our representation on the Senate remains practically the same, inasmuch as the members who were to retire on June 24 were not replaced by new nominees. new member, *R. B. Hall*, '23, takes the place of the late Dr. McQueen. Elected Alberta graduates now on the Senate are: Mrs. *H. J. MacLeod*, '14, Dr. *G. B. Sanford*, '20, Mr. *H. G. Nolan*, '14, Dr. *W. F. Gillespie*, '14, '21, Rev. *Sidney Bainbridge*, '21, '23, and Mr. *E. L. Churchill*, '23.

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A large group of alumni shook hands with the Chancellor for the second or even the third time on May 15. Receiving the High School Teacher's Certificate and Diploma were: *Ethel Barnett* '30, *Irene Gibbons* '30, *Muriel Gibbs* '30, *Jean Knowlan* '30, *Kathleen McConkey* '29, *Evelyn Meyer* '30, *May Powell* '31, *Harriet Riley* '30 (who has also captured the I.O.D.E. scholarship), *Margaret Sellhorn* '30, *Constance Smith* '30, *Helen Sorenson* '30, *John Comfort* '30, *Edward Kibblewhite* '29, '31, and *Arthur Powell*, '30, '31. *Robert Bainbridge* came up for his App. Sci. degree in *Bainbridge*, '29, came up for his App. Sci. degree in Chemical Engineering, *Walter Johnston*, '30, for B.Sc. in Agriculture; *Carlton Clement*, '28, *Leo Pekarsky*, '29, and *David Sigler*, '28, in Law; and *Dora Newson* '24, "*Barney*" *Barnett* '24, *Robt. Brown* '29, *Reg. Hamilton* '27, *Ben Hargarten* '27, *Ivar Lefsrud* '28, *Malcolm McCallum* '26, *Ken Thomson* '27, *C. W. Weinlos* '27, and *Samuel Zeavin* '28, in Medicine. Master's degrees in Arts were awarded to *Evelyn Bowker* '30, *Gordon French* '26, and *Edward Kibblewhite* '29, and in Science to *Paul Gishler* '29, *Nick Holowaychuk* '29, *Jack Hopkins* '29, *Arthur McCalla* '29, *Herb Morris* '29, *Arthur Saddington* '29, and *J. M. Zeavin* '30. Last were the trio of B.D.'s, *Joseph Bainbridge* '21, '22, *Neil McInnes* '28 and *Roy Taylor* '21.

1912—1922

I have not the scratch of a pen nor a word from anyone prior to 1923 this time. A few things have come to my notice, however. The Edmonton Journal announces the new locations of United Church ministers in the province, and includes in the list several Albertans as follows: Rev. *H. Bosomworth* '15, '23, Holden; Rev. *A. E. Hayes* '16, Bon Accord; Rev. *M. M. MacLean* '16, Lochead; and Rev. *W. H. McDannold* '30, Delia. I am indebted to Professor Long for the news that *J. O. McCabe* '22, expects to receive his Ph.D. from Glasgow this summer, and for the following excerpt from an old country paper: "At a special meeting of West Lothian Education Committee the five men recently chosen on a short leet in connection with the head mastership of Bathgate R.C. New School were interviewed. The successful applicant was Mr. James McCabe, B.A., M.A., St. Mirin's Academy, Paisley. The salary is £750 per annum, and the school will be opened in September. Mr. McCabe is a native of Yoker, Clydebank. He received his B.A. degree at Alberta University, Canada, and his M.A. degree at Glasgow University. For the past seven years he has been teacher of history in St. Mirin's Academy. I understand that Mr. McCabe is coming back to Canada this summer, and hope that he will be able to visit Edmonton while here. One of my "tracer" cards shows that *Russell W. Evans*, '22, is an accountant in Moose Jaw. Can any one furnish his street address?

1923—1924

Len Huskins, '23, '25, and Mrs. *Huskins* (nee *Margaret Villy*), '22, were in Edmonton recently, having motored from Montreal. They were going on to California after a little jaunt up to the Peace River country. I gathered that Europe was not bad at all, but that they were glad to be back in Canada. On the same day I ran into *Eric Cormack*, '25, and Mr. *Ernest Villy*, '25, both up from Alix for a short visit. Congratulations are being

offered to *Mary Martin*, '23 (M.A., London), on being awarded one of the post-graduate scholarships for foreign women offered annually by Bryn Mawr College. This is one of the outstanding awards in English. *Mary* has been associated with the department of English during the past session; her home address is 11120 97th Street, Edmonton. I learn that *Neil Stewart*, '23, who took an architectural degree at McGill, has been in Italy, Africa and Spain during the last six months gaining experience. It is likely that he will again be stationed in Montreal on his return; his home address is 11013 87th Avenue, Edmonton.

Dean Howes was kind enough to bring in a letter from *Paul Matson*, '24, from which he allows me to quote as follows: "Immediately after leaving university I came down to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and was employed as a stockman for a large lumber company, which position I left to accept the superintending of a 14,000 acre ranch in Northern Idaho. I was there about two years, and then purchased livestock for a firm here in Spokane. I became connected with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane three years ago as inspector of livestock and agricultural loans, and shortly after became examiner. Recently it was my good fortune to be made assistant manager. My new work is very interesting, and I am gaining a wide experience in agricultural credits." *Paul* is married, and may be addressed at 1008 W. 20th, Spokane, Wash. *Jack*, '24, '27, and Mrs. *Gerrie* (nee *Mona Tredway*), '28, have returned to Montreal, where *Jack*, who received his M.D. from McGill this month, has been appointed to the staff of the General Hospital.

1925—1927

Salvador, Sask., is the address of *Eileen Evans*, '25; she is teaching there. The ranks of Canada's trade representatives have received another recruit in the person of *Shirley MacDonald*, '25, '28, who has left for Oslo, Norway. He will act as assistant trade commissioner there; his address: Jerbanetorvet 4, Oslo, Nor-

way. Congratulations to *C. K. Johns*, '25, who has been awarded a fellowship in agricultural bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin. I expect that he and Mrs. *Johns* (nee *Dorothy Farnalls*), '25, will be moving to Madison in the autumn. Another Aggie is due for congratulations, namely, *Bob Bedford*, '26, '28, who has received his Ph.D. from McGill. *Bob* is also interested in bacteriology, and has been doing some very interesting work in that line at the halibut fisheries at Prince Rupert, B.C. His home address: 10717 80th Avenue, Edmonton. According to the *Edmonton Journal*, *Walter Saunders*, '26, who has been taking P.G. work in Toronto, has returned to Alberta, and will be in charge of a provincial health centre at High River. *Eardley S. Allin*, '27, is now M.D. (Toronto), and is receiving felicitations. His home address is 8820 111th Street, Edmonton.

1928—1931

Members of class '28 will be glad to hear that *Emily Herbert* (nee *Horricks*), '28, has recovered from a serious illness and is "right back on her toes again now," according to *Walter*. A letter from the president of the Winnipeg branch is printed elsewhere in this issue. *Gladys Smith*, '28, writes briefly to ask that *The Trail* be sent to 210 Vallejo Court, 1009-10 Ave. W., Vancouver. As evidence of the value of this magazine to far-away alumni, I offer the following excerpts from a letter by *J. Huntley McLean*, Com. '28, of 2030 Kamehameha Avenue, Honolulu, T.H.: "... Not wishing to have *The Trail* discontinued, I hereby enclose a P.O. order. . . . Although not having studied my full course at Alberta, nevertheless as one who has graduated from there, I have the University and its interests at heart and look forward to every issue of *The Trail* with genuine anticipation. . . . I am going to offer a suggestion which may be taken for what it is worth. For those of us who are out of touch with the University and some who are not in Canada, I think a short resumé of the quarter's highlights, academic, so-

cial and athletic, in and around the University, would be of interest. I am thinking especially of the sports which are associated with the particular quarter. . . . Although the climate here is very agreeable, one does miss the seasonal sports of Canada, and I am looking forward to new year, when I expect to return to Alberta. . . . I am employed here by Young, Lamberton and Pearson, a firm of Certified Public Accountants." Mr. *McLean's* suggestion has been passed on to the Editor, who is often puzzled as to what alumni want in *The Trail*. *Pat Bowman*, '28, has moved again and that since the last issue. The crime is extenuated by the fact that he has notified me. (I am sure many others are as guilty, but have not yet exculpated themselves.) Says *Pat*: "Don't you envy me tearing about the great open spaces inhaling the beautiful spring air (burdened with tons of moving farm land)? . . . Have been transferred from Empress to Aldersyde. I now see scads of the boys around Calgary. In Arrowwood the other day I met *Eldon Liesemer*, '25, who is practising there." *Edweena McCaffary*, '30, writes from St. Elizabeth Hospital, Twenty-first and Eastern Ave., Covington, Kentucky, in part as follows: "A news item which may be of interest to some *Trail* readers—Dr. *Jimmie Brunton*, '28, from Detroit, and Dr. *Beth Caswell Brunton*, '26, visited Mr. and Mrs. *S. A. Goddard* (nee *Kathleen Howes*), '29, in Cincinnati during the latter part of April." If the address "c/o Molly Stark Sanitorium, Canton, Ohio," is incorrect for Dr. and Mrs. Brunton, I should be glad to revise it. The degree of M.A. has been awarded by the University of California to *Gwen Mullett*, '30. Her address is 4410 View St., Oakland, California. Mention of California reminds me that *Isobel Johnstone*, '30, is back from there, and is with the General Electric Co. in Calgary at present. Dr. *Alexander* kindly contributes the following notes: "*H. W. Morrison*, '30, reports in from Girgenti, Italy, where he has been inspecting the remains of Pindar's 'most beautiful city of mortals.' *Mary Ross*, '30, writes from Salonica (Macedonia)

en route to excavation work at Olynthus. *Mary* had a look at the Acropolis of Athens and the Parthenon in passing, and agrees that they are really 'as advertised.' (Later) *Mary* has just received from Johns Hopkins University a foreign scholarship for the coming year. She reports being in charge of 60 men at Olynthus and also provides an account of a Vlach wedding procession in which she rode in the first cart with the bridegroom—but only in the capacity of honored guest!"

A few addresses and then I'll sign off: *Stoner, R. R.*, '25, 3400 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.; *Lewis, N. G.*, 11038 108th Street, Edmonton; *Matthews, Eleanor*, 15 Maclean Block, Edmonton; *Carson, J. E.*, '30, 423 8th St. S., Lethbridge; *Riis, Inger*, '29, Raymond, Alberta; *Bryden, R. B.*, Short Beach, Connecticut; *Fraser, S. D.*, '30, Cadomin, Alberta.

We are rather hoping that the next issue will be a directory. So "if you don't receive this write and let me know"—your correct address.

Faternally,

GEOFF.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chez nous,
April 18th.

Dear Geoff:

Seems like I didn't send you any news (other than a copy of our circular) concerning the Winnipeg waifs, for the March issue of *The Trail*. Very sorry. We alumni have been horribly dull and inactive in Winnipeg since Christmas, and there wasn't anything much to write to you about. Maybe that's another good reason why I didn't write. The party which we held in conjunction with the U. of S. people was successful. At least, I judge that to be so because everyone clamoured for a return engagement. Last Saturday we had a very happy luncheon with Dr. Tory. He dashed into town unbeknownst to me, and so, when I did learn of his presence and get in touch with him, I had to do a lot of hustling and

scrambling about to scare up enough people to make a presentable group. After making sixty-four (by actual count!) telephone calls (including many repeats, of course), I managed to get twenty (persons, not telephone calls) around the festive board. However, I must allow a considerable discount when I mention that figure, because included in the group were Messrs. Sanford, Newton, Henry and Aamodt, who were all attending the Rust Research meetings. We did, though, have a baker's dozen of our own people out. Among those present were: Mrs. McGibbon and Mrs. Herbert, '28 (that seems funny; putting *Emily* in the matron class), Misses *Yvette Richard*, *Silver Dowding*, '23, '24, *Jean Folkins*, '27, *Esther Prevey*, '25, *Winnifred Moyle*, '26, *Nano Waldo*, '29, *Jessie Hamilton*, '21, and Messrs. *Bill Hanna*, '22, '23, *Walker Dunham*, '20, *Charlie Waldo*, Dr. McGibbon, *Self*, '23, '26, and Dr. *Tory*. It was a most delightful get-together, even though it had to be done in such a hurry. Dr. *Tory* was in good fettle, and drifted into some delightfully intimate reminiscences in the course of a brief after-dinner talk.

We are planning to bring the troops together again soon. Maybe next week. I hope they will then appoint a more active president and collect some fees! However, I'll let you know what happens.

I don't know of any newcomers among us. You were advised, I believe, that *Don Bryden*, '26, '28, is with the Winnipeg Hydro and that *Hilda Wilson Simmons*, '24, is now living here. Her new name is Mrs. *Hickman*. Did you know that *George Ferguson* has taken unto himself a wife? Yes. I seldom see him.

Shirley MacDonald, '25, '28, dropped in one day, some time back, to pay his respects before hopping off to Oslo, Norway, where he is to serve as Canadian Trade Commissioner. He seemed hale and hearty, as usual.

Andy Cairns, '23, got back to these parts at Christmas time, after six months in Europe. He visited twenty-two countries, including Russia, where he spent

thirty days. (Sounds like a "term," but it wasn't.) If Andy ever comes to Edmonton, you should have him address your group. He tells an intensely interesting story of his travels.

Nothing much to tell you, Geoff; but I'll try to do better in the future. As a parting salute, I would like to toss in a word of encouragement for the ones who devote their time and energies to that most thankless of all tasks, *Trail* editing. I invariably ask every alumnus I meet what he thinks of *The Trail*. The answer is invariably highly enthusiastic and complimentary. Be of good heart, all of you. Your work is very much appreciated, although we are too selfish or self-centred to take the trouble to tell you so.

Emily joins me in despatching best wishes.

WALTER.

JUAN IN AMERICA

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the world, but the most artistic, humane, and intellectually enlightened as well, and this made him very scornful of other nations. He did not, of course, ignore them. He frequently mentioned the European countries, to remark in happy conclusion how much better it was to live in America. In spite of the fact that this blessedness was his, he was not altogether a happy man, for his patriotism was continually exasperated by thinking about the British Navy and the continuance of the British raj in India. Because of this he was hawk-eyed for signs of decadence in Britain, and being ingenious as well as patriotic, and credulous of marvels even as he was omniscient, his column was frequently filled with such matters as:

"There is a cow on Mr. So-and-So's ranch in California which holds the world's record for production of milk. Every day last year this cow produced three and a half gallons of Grade A certified bacteria-proof milk. And not only last year, but every day for the last three years it had done this, without missing a day. No other cow in any country in the world can equal this record. Long ago

"Merrie England" used to be famous for its cows, but English cows, like the British Navy, are not what they used to be. They do not give as much milk as American cows, and what milk they do give is not so good. England can still do many things, but she is losing her prowess in the dairy as well as her hold on her colonies."

"DEEP EVENING"

By EUGENE LOHRK

(Thomas Nelson & Son)

On the surface this thrilling story of the sinking of a great ocean liner in mid-Atlantic is merely the story of the Titanic brought up-to-date, but there is a difference.

Only once or twice does the author depart from the strictly narrative, but on these occasions one catches a hint of the deeper significance of his story, the portrayal of which evidently concerns him more than the mere details of the disaster which he describes, gripping though they be.

The Glamorland is the last word in trans-Atlantic liners; its appointments exceed in luxury the most lavish of terrestrial hotels; its passengers are undoubtedly the gayest, smartest, and most enterprising of ocean travellers, nor do they entertain for one moment the thought of any possible disaster. In spite of all this, however, the great vessel runs upon an iceberg, and in three hours has plunged to a watery grave, bearing with it its cargo of surprised and somewhat indignant human beings.

The gradual realization by the passengers of the completeness of the disaster is splendidly portrayed by Lohrk. "Each character sees the event colored by his own mental background—the sailor freezing up in the Crowsnest, whose preoccupation with his own erotic recollections prevents him from noticing the iceberg until too late; the Swiss waiter busy with his unworthy schemes for self-advancement at the expense of rich ladies "of a certain age"; the wife of a Chicago

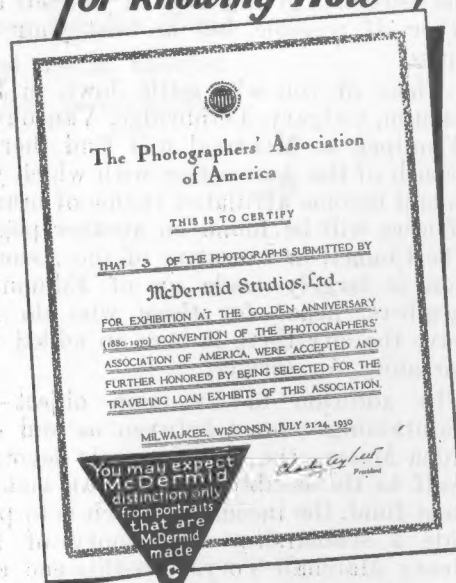
broker and her lover, military attache of a foreign embassy; and all the diverse characters that are aboard the vessel.

There is little of the overpowering sense of tragedy and pathos that is usually associated with this kind of calamity. The band does not heroically continue to play until the last fatal plunge, nor do the passengers huddle together singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee." The piling on of the agony is no part of Lohrk's method, and the reason is that his concern is not so much with immediate sense of tragedy as with the ultimate sense of the futility of it all.

Against a background of fabulous luxury the human figures grope for happiness, but they are as powerless to find it as they are to ward off the mountain of ice bearing down on them in the night.

This is undoubtedly the theme of Lohrk's story. The Glamorland is mod-

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ern civilization; through its life throbs the rhythm of the machine, its luxury and elegance, satisfying though it may be to the average person, contains far too much tinsel and imitation, and behind it all there is the possibility of tragedy denied by most, neglected by those at the helm, but looming up with irresistible force at the most unexpected moment.

MESSAGE TO CLASS '31

To the graduates of 1931 their fellow-alumni extend the heartiest of greetings. Apparently you have ended the close association of the past years with each other and with the University; but this separation does not necessarily mean a complete break. By means of this magazine, which you will receive quarterly, you can still keep in touch with University life and University friends. In order that you may derive the maximum benefit from this and other aspects of the work of the Alumni Association it is your plain duty to communicate occasionally with the secretary, giving news of yourself and others if possible, but at least your address.

Those of you who settle down in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Vancouver, Winnipeg or Montreal will find there a branch of the Association with which you should become affiliated (name of branch officers will be found on another page). The Council or executive of the Association is largely made up of Edmonton members, hence for those who do not leave the city there is here an added opportunity for service.

In addition to its main object—of maintaining contact between us and our Alma Mater—the Association is devoting itself to the establishment of an endowment fund, the income of which is to provide a scholarship in memory of Dr. Henry Marshall Tory. To this end and to meet current expenditure, we shall be glad to have your financial assistance when it is possible. In the first issue of this magazine ten years ago the editor wrote: "If you cannot afford two dollars

for *The Trail* do not forego your dinner or cut out the weed or deny yourself the pictures (!) or the dance or anything like that in order to send in your subscription." We say the same today—but in any case, *do not lose touch with us!*

Fraternally yours,

L. Y. CAIRNS,
President of the Association.

MARRIAGES

FROMAN—NORRIS—At Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday, June 10, 1931, Ethel ('29), daughter of Mrs. Lettie Norris, of Edmonton, to Darol Kenneth ('26, '27), son of Mr. and Mrs. James Froman, of Busby, Alberta. Dr. and Mrs. Froman will reside at Macdonald College, Quebec.

ORTNER—THOMPSON—At Trail, British Columbia, on Thursday, June 4, 1931, Edith Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Thompson, of Trail, to Gerald Stanley ('28), son of Mrs. P. Ortner, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Ortner will reside at Trail, B.C.

GLEN—MALLORY—At Glendale, Calif., on May 11, 1931, Kathryn Fraser (R.N.-U.H. 1927), to John Stuart Glenn, M.D. ('25). Mr. and Mrs. Glen have made their home at Glendale, Calif.

KIBBLEWHITE—BELL—At Edmonton, on Jan. 1, 1931, Frances Isobel Bell, B.A. ('27), to W. A. Kibblewhite, Vermilion.

ROSS—McCALLUM — At Edmonton, on Tuesday, April 7, 1931, Josie Janet Sinclair ('27), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McCallum, of Mundare, to Hugh Robert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross, of Pincher Creek.

TOBY—ANDERSON—At Edmonton, July, 1930, Esther Irene Anderson ('20), to Frank Toby. Mr. and Mrs. Toby are residing at 11210 63rd St., Edmonton.

BIRTHS

BAKER—At Cortland, New York, April 18, 1931, to Mr. ('24) and Mrs. R. M. Baker (nee Mary Main), a son, Robert Mills.

KIBBLEWHITE — At Edmonton, Alberta, June 1, 1931, to Mr. ('29, '31) and Mrs. E. J. Kibblewhite, a son.

CASSELS—At Cambridge, Mass., on May 5, 1931, to Mr. ('24) and Mrs. ('26) (née Gladys Sorenson), John Cassels, a son, Billie.

LANGFORD—At Timmins, Ont., on May 16, 1931, to Mrs. (née Irene Frazer), '23, and Mr. ("Big Six") G. Langford, a daughter, Rowena Margaret.

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